Setting up of Tourism Advisory Council

734. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hotel and Restaurant Association of Eastern India has made a proposal to the Central Government to set up a Tourism Advisory Council to boost tourism; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No proposal has been received from Hotel and Restaurant Association of Eastern India in this regard. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India, has constituted a 'National Tourism Advisory Council' to act as a Think Tank and advise the Government on various policy matters relating to tourism.

Allocation of funds for the birth-place of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

735. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the birth-place of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Cuttack is proposed to be converted into a national museum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the allocation of funds made for the purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the amount already released so far?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) To convert the birth-place of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose into a museum of national status, a trust under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister of Orissa has been formed. The contribtuion of the Government of India for this project is Rs. 150 lacs out of which Rs. 75 lacs has so far been released.